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19 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FBIS Field Bureaus
FROM : Chief, FBIS
SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction - Part I

GENERAL

1. Temporary monitoring of Sumatra at Saigon Bureau was concluded on 28 August and the coverage and monitor transferred back to Okinawa. A new Indonesian monitor, recruited at Singapore, has arrived in Saigon, and will assume this coverage upon completion of training.

2. Supplements to the Daily Report:

- a. 5 August - Noncommunist World Opinions and Expectations Concerning a Summit Conference on the Middle East
- b. 15 August - World Radio and Press Reaction to President Eisenhower's August 13 Speech at the United Nations General Assembly
- c. 28 August - World Radio and Press Reaction to Announcement of U.S. Willingness to Suspend Nuclear Weapons Tests

The report of reaction to the President's speech was given rapid dissemination on the day of publication to several high-level offices in Washington, including the White House.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. General

a. The worldwide concern with the critical events of the past few months has underlined the need for monitors and editors to extend their knowledge of the spelling of names and places beyond those pertinent to their primary area of coverage. A daily scrutiny of available Daily Report volumes and perusal of the wire-filed version of the pink sheet will in many cases considerably assist in dealing with unfamiliar names.

2. London and Mediterranean Bureaus

a. The conclusion of the U.N. General Assembly session at which the Arab states pledged to refrain from interference in each other's internal affairs, has heightened rather than reduced interest in statements by the Arab radios which can be considered to contain elements of incitement. Both bureaus have already been instructed concerning our program to retain the belts of broadcasts containing such elements. Since the exact wording of inflammatory material is important, editors should see to it that all such language is quoted when included in summarized

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versions of pertinent items.

3. Okinawa

a. The following abbreviations are standard and may be used for each reference to the country involved: CPR (for Chinese People's Republic); DRV (for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam); and DPRK (for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea).

b. The bureau's assumption of coverage of the 0200 GMT NCNA English Morse transmission has to some extent enabled the Daily Report to give more timely coverage of Peking's reaction to world events. Care should be taken to use priority precedence when filing noteworthy but perishable material, as a means of assuring receipt prior to the Daily Report deadline. Frequently, a delay of one day in publication will destroy the usefulness of such material.

c. The great frequency with which military titles occur in Indonesian copy calls attention to the need for uniformity of style. When an officer is identified by one name only, even if he possesses no other, his military rank or title should be spelled out in full, not abbreviated.

SUPPORT OF PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS

1. Major field support of propaganda analysis during the month was provided by the Okinawa, West Coast and Tokyo Bureaus in connection with the production of daily reports on propaganda concerning the Taiwan Strait situation. In the sphere of intra-bloc and bloc-Yugoslav relations, the Austrian Bureau supplied a valuable survey of satellite and Yugoslav press treatment of the Mao-Khrushchev communique of 3 August.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, FBIS Field Bureaus
FROM : Chief, FBIS
SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction - Part II

GENERAL

1. Radio Propaganda Reports:

- a. "TASS Inaugurates Authoritative Signed Commentaries"
- b. "Soviet Civil Defense Training Since the February DOSAAF Congress," the third report in response to the National Indications Center's request for semiannual reporting of Soviet propaganda about civil defense.

2. Special propaganda analysis services:

a. Eight daily analyses of Communist bloc propaganda on the special U.N. General Assembly session and related Middle East developments were forwarded through OCI to the U.S. delegation at the Assembly as part of FBIS's service to the delegation.

b. The service to the technical experts' delegation at Geneva was concluded with a propaganda-analysis cable the day after agreement on means of policing a nuclear-test ban was announced.

c. Nineteen daily analyses of Chinese Communist and Soviet propaganda on the Taiwan Strait situation were disseminated on the FBIS Wire at OCI request. This service is continuing.

d. In addition to the items on Taiwan, RPB reports on the Wire covered:

- (1) Radio Moscow's exploitation of the entry of U.S. Marines into Cuba.
- (2) New Sino-Soviet appeals to Latin America for closer ties with Communist China.
- (3) Communist propaganda exploitation of the furore over U.S. "surrender" studies.
- (4) Moscow and Peking comment on nuclear-test suspension.
- (5) Evidence in a Khrushchev letter to MacMillan that Mao Tse-tung had not strongly objected to a summit meeting including India but not the CPR.

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(6) Soviet support of Iceland in the dispute with Britain over the Icelandic territorial-waters limit.

(7) The first authoritative Soviet comment on the U.S. offer to suspend nuclear tests.

e. A typescript report summed up the results of a one-month survey for the DCI of Moscow propaganda references to U.S. press sources. Copies of the study were sent by the Director's office to the White House, the Acting Secretary of State and the Director, USIA. The DCI has requested monthly follow-up studies.

f. A memorandum was prepared for the DCI, at his request, on Soviet claims to have "saved" the Arab world, during a sample week after the Iraqi revolution.

g. A critique of a Joseph Alsop column on the 3 August Khrushchev-Mao communique, published in the Washington POST and TIMES-HERALD, was prepared for the Assistant for Intelligence, DD/I, at his request.

h. Data on Moscow broadcasts to Latin America for the past year were furnished State Department OIRA/DRA in support of a report on the subject for the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

3. Other special services rendered by FBIS:

a. Editorial and propaganda analysis support, amounting to some ⁴⁰⁰~~40~~ man hours of research and compilation was given to the U.S. Delegation at the U.N. General Assembly. Specific textual documentation was provided of the charge that certain Arab radios had engaged in "indirect aggression" in their campaigns of incitement during various Middle East crises. Material from the Moscow radio echoing or seconding the campaigns or countercharging American aggression was likewise supplied. Other services to the Delegation included an FBIS wire file to the [redacted] for the briefing committee, of items containing incitement elements, authoritative Soviet comment and on 14 and 15 August special summaries recapitulating world radio and press reaction to President Eisenhower's speech at the U.N. The DCI was supplied an updated version of the 14 August round-up for use at a meeting of the NSC.

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b. At the request of OCB, a review was prepared of initial radio and press reaction to the unsuccessful U.S. attempt to place a rocket in orbit around the moon.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. General

a. All copy mentioning any U.S. Congressman should in the future be flagged "Copy to [redacted]"

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b. Bureau editors are asked to review the essential ingredients of FYI's and summaries filed prior to textual versions of important lengthy items. Headquarters editors must be informed promptly, in the original FYI or in an editor's note appended

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to a summary whenever possible, of the estimated number of takes which will be required for the text and the approximate time that processing will be completed. Cues should always indicate the length of an item, if it can be estimated. This makes it possible for Daily Report section chiefs to plan for publication realistically, and at the same time provides the Wire Services section with information necessary for its own operations.

c. The field roundups of reaction to the American nuclear test suspension announcement were generally more concise and thus more readily utilized than several recent submissions. Further development of this process of greater synthesis would be appreciated. Roundup writers also should restrict in most cases the broad generalizations concerning the general tenor of comment from one country to the lead paragraph concerning that country, rather than scatter generalizations throughout the entire section. It may occasionally be appropriate, however, to use a generalization followed by a few exemplary quotes to document one point of view and then to follow it with another generalization and quotations outlining a contrary point of view. Unless specifically instructed otherwise, writers should not include materials broadcast by clandestine stations in reaction roundups.

d. Editors are reminded that the use of such restrictive flags as "McPherson only," or "Strother only" should be limited to instances where the material filed is patently of interest only to a single recipient. The Editorial Handbook and items in Letters of Instruction have made it clear that items of possible interest to more than one branch or staff should be insured general distribution, even though the message responds to a specific inquiry from a single individual. Where the requestor would not normally be included in the distribution the flag "Copy to" should be used.

e. Bureaus on occasion still fail to take full advantage of the various high precedence indicators available to them to ensure prompt receipt of critical material during fast-breaking events. Broadcasts which contain news or other elements seriously affecting U.S. security merit expeditious processing and the promptest filing of their essence to headquarters. The situation with respect to the Chinese Communist threat to the offshore islands was a case in point. The original Chinese Communist announcement that an invasion of Quemoy was "imminent" represents the kind of report that merits the highest precedence--YY. Normally, critical items will be reported in FYI's carrying an OO or YY precedence and will be followed by the text sent priority. On rare occasions, where the actual verbatim text is of prime importance, texts may also be sent with an OO indicator. The YY indicator should be reserved for items filed in accordance with [redacted]

[redacted] More specific guidance on this subject is in preparation as part of 50X1 a notice to be issued in the near future. Meanwhile, editors should also review the memorandum from the Chief, FBIS, dated 20 August 1957 and the military communications manual ACP-121 (c), pages 3-21 through 3-23.

2. Mediterranean Bureau

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a. In making generalizations concerning the output of the various regional radios, Middle East roundup writers should exercise extreme caution to ensure that the generalizations are supported by appropriate quotations. Although it is on

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occasion proper to summarize a commentary that has not been filed, as a means of reducing the volume of copy forwarded to headquarters, major new themes should be indicated by direct quotations taken from material which has also been filed for Daily Report use.

SUPPORT OF RADIO PROPAGANDA BRANCH

1. Editors are reminded of the continuing requirement for bloc comment on Western military maneuvers, particularly when reference is made to specific nuclear weapons or missiles. There is special interest in any reference to the Polaris, widely represented in the Western press as among the United States' most effective missiles. Bloc propaganda relating to U.S. nuclear strength and missile development is among the subjects followed most closely by analysts, and is traced in detail in the TRENDS AND HIGHLIGHTS and SURVEYS.

2. Attention is called again to the importance of judicious handling of notations such as "passage omitted which quoted from..." or "passage omitted giving instances of..." in Moscow copy. The data--accurate or not--that Moscow cites as "documentation" of its charges or generalizations can be at least as important as the charges themselves. No passage should be omitted from Moscow comment unless the editor is certain it contains (a) elements that have been present repeatedly in Soviet propaganda, or (b) completely accurate quotation of an already publicized statement or document. In either event, the editor's note should indicate the precise content of the passage omitted. "Passage omitted quoting from November Communist declaration" is not enough; the note should specify which portions are quoted, and how extensively.

3. Comparisons of versions of the same Moscow commentary broadcast in different media (voice and TASS) or to different audiences are always of special interest to RPB and its consumers. One recent example: Pages 12 and 13 of the 28 August SURVEY OF COMMUNIST BLOC BROADCASTS point to significant excisions from the text of a PRAVDA article in versions broadcast to France and the United Kingdom. This information was obtained as the result of an RPB request for comparison of the full-text version in the home service with the versions in French and English. Alertness to the possibility of such differences on the part of monitors and editors can be of immeasurable value in support of the continuing effort to determine how Moscow tailors its propaganda on various subjects for different audiences.

4. The attention of those bureaus monitoring Soviet regional radios is drawn to paragraph six of the 26 August RPB "Soviet Civil Defense Training Since the February DOSAAF Congress," (CD. 112). Any references to the subjects discussed in the above report should of course be filed.

5. Bureaus are reminded that periodic spot checks should be made to determine repeat programs of Moscow and Peking domestic and foreign transmissions. Lists of repeat programs should be submitted to the Field Operations Office and included on the commentary lists for Radio Propaganda Branch. (see 20 September 1956 memorandum from Chief, FBIS to all Bureaus.)

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FIELD OPERATIONS COMMENT

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1. Reference is made to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Complying bureaus are advised that a memorandum of transmittal is not required; it is sufficient to address the envelope to the Field Operations Staff. Before transmittal, however, the classification should be stamped on each sheet and the data required by paragraph 3-a noted on the copy.

2. The response of all bureaus to the 13 May memorandum from the Chief, Field Operations Staff, subject "Communications word counts," was greatly appreciated. The diversity of ideas and requirements expressed was of considerable interest and usefulness. Although the present costs of compiling field statistics are not high enough to support development of a universal counter sufficiently complex to meet all of the various requirements (since no such item of equipment yet exists), we are pleased to report that a number of a new type of electronic word counter has been ordered which will meet requirements for measuring principal outgoing line traffic. A model was tested during the past month by the Engineering Staff and found to be virtually perfect in accuracy. Details of this as well as a proposal for economically automating other types of counts will be contained in a letter to the Field from the Chief, Engineering Staff.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Bureau Administrative Officers are requested to advise personnel that their dependents may be authorized to travel at Government expense six months after the arrival of the employee at his or her post and not six months after the assumption of dependency.

2. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of August:

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2. Reassignments

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Okinawa Bur.

Asst. Projects Ed.
Ed. Br.

Electron. Tech.
Okinawa Bur.

Electron. Tech.
WCB

Senior Editor
Ed. Br.

Senior Editor
London Bur.

Electron. Tech.
Saigon Bur.

Electron. Spec.
WCB

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Austrian Bur.

Chief, Hokkaido Bur.

Chief, Tokyo Bureau

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London Bureau

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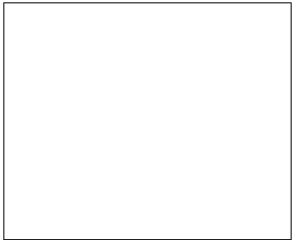
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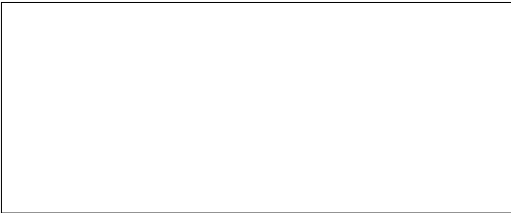
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	Analyst, RPB
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